

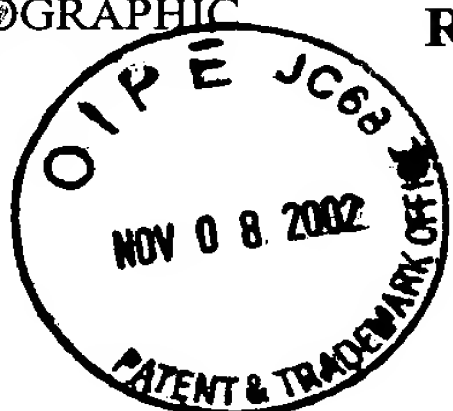
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PATENT APPLICATION  
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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:  
Inventor(s): JASPER et al.  
Appln. No.: 09 | 519,875  
Series Code ↑ | Serial No. ↑

Group Art Unit 2851  
Examiner: P. Kim  
Atty. Dkt. P 257643 | P-0128.010-US  
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Filed: March 6, 2000  
Title: OFF-AXIS LEVELLING LITHOGRAPHIC  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 8, 2002

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.  
An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).  
**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**  
**Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_\_\_ and reply brief filed \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement  

☒ IDS Letter  
☒ PTO-1449

☐ Cited Appln  
☐ Cited Documents

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of August 8, 2002 to \_\_\_\_\_  

cover the date this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55	
Deposit Account (see below)	(2 mos)	\$400/\$200	+ 920
	(3 mos)	\$920/\$460	
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$740 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$370 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81468 / 257643

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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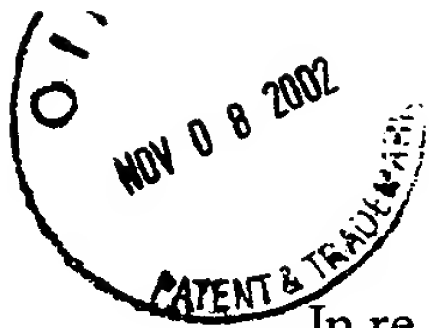
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AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, the period for reply being extended by a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter amended claims 1-8 and 10-12 as follow:

1. (Thrice Amended) A lithographic projection apparatus comprising:
  - a first object table constructed and arranged to hold a mask;
  - a second, movable object table constructed and arranged to hold a substrate and having a physical reference surface fixed thereon;
  - a projection system constructed and arranged to image an irradiated portion of the mask onto a target portion of the substrate;
  - a positioning system constructed and arranged to move said second object table between an exposure station, at which said projection system can image said mask portion onto said substrate, and a measurement station;

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